

# NEWS LETTER

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## NEW Toormina High School Uniform



We are very excited to begin our transition to the new uniform in 2024!

Uniform items will be available in January 2024, if supplies become available sooner we will advise our school community.

Our new supplier is -

TEAM SPIRIT

1/10 GDT Seccombe Close

Coffs Harbour, 66519030

Monday - Friday

8:30am -5:00pm

Orders can be made online

<https://www.teamspiritsports.com.au/>

or shop in store.





### GRIP Student Leadership Conference

Our captains and vice captains recently attended the GRIP Student Leadership Conference. This opportunity is unique in that it concentrates specifically on training students for their role as school leaders. Students gained new skills, new perspectives and new ideas for making a positive contribution as a leader. Students chose elective workshops on the day to tailor their experience to their own leadership role.



### Coffee Shop

Well done once again to our Special Education Faculty on their ever popular Coffee Shop that provides our students with real life skills and gives our community an opportunity to visit THS!

## Congratulations Lachlan!



Lachlan Wainwright, year 8, has had his amazing clay sculptures on display to the public at Sawtell Art Gallery during the Bay Arts Studio exhibition. Each of these sculptures has a complex and meaningful backstory and Lachlan has worked with the team at Bay Arts to create these representations. The Outcast Babel Sawyer is the primary character in a fictional story set in the deep south of America that Lachlan has been working on in English, his brothers Vincent and Bucket Head also play a key role in this gruesome story of a family trying to survive after the main industry closes in their town.

His character Ghost is going to be included in future stories of this complex world he has begun to develop.

**Tim Warner, Learning and Support Teacher**

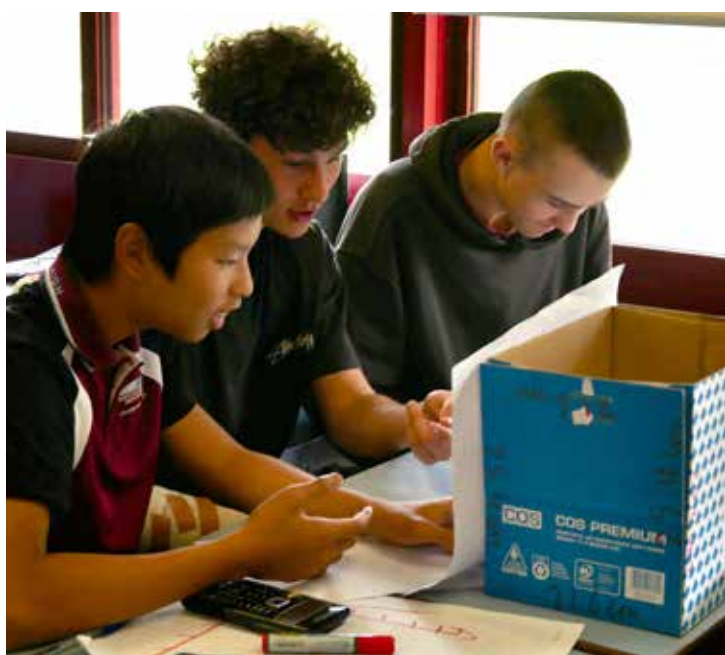


### Parabolic BBQ

Year 10 has been exploring Non-Linear Relationships in Mathematics. As part of their assessment, the class focussed on the features of a parabola and how these are used in real life situations. Using the ideas of Peter Liljedahl, the class was split up to work in teams of three to put their mathematics into practice. Each group investigated their features of their own parabola from a provided equation and then turned this into a functioning parabolic bbq.

The next step is to use their parabolic bbqs to cook food, to test the functionality and effectiveness of their creations.

**Jodie Hartmann, Mathematics Growth Team**



## Connecting to Country



Connecting to Country is an Aboriginal community cultural awareness teaching program. This program provides a cultural conduit between the NSW teaching fraternity and Aboriginal peoples and communities. We had staff: Kath Bear, Lucy Thomas, Bridget Kramer and Susan Harwood, participating this week learning from Uncle Tony on Gumbaynggirr land.

## Sunflower Crop



Year 9 and 10 agriculture students ploughed the paddock, planted sunflower seeds, watered and netted them. They are now harvesting the flowers for staff.



### Construction

The senior construction class have recently completed a concrete slab in the school ag plot. The slab will help with the safety and hygiene of staff and students in a previously muddy area. Construction students studied the theories and practical requirements of the construction industry including material handling, carpentry, site management, formwork and job planning to complete the slab to Australian building standards. The slab features smooth edging, slight fall for runoff and a non slip brushed texture. The boys were very hands on and completed each task effectively starting with the concrete truck delivery and barrowing in the mix down to the final finish and site cleanup. Well done boys!

**Joel Warren, TAS and VET Construction Teacher**



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## Thanks for visiting!

We continue our primary school excursion program. This program introduces students to the very different environment of high school. Students are engaging in their schoolwork and accessing activities and programs in the high school setting.



### Love Bites

Love Bites is a Respectful Relationships Education Program for year 10 students. This consists of two interactive workshops and our first group of students for 2023 participated last week.



We celebrated **Kindness Day** at THS at lunchtime with hoops, music and delicious fruit.



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Pizza muffins with Ms Sharkey!



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Amazing woodwork!



Thank you!



Year 12 THS Leaders have been integral in helping Science teacher Tasanee Alam present fun experiments to the Boambee Public School Year 4 transition students in science practical lessons held this term. Boambee Public School recognised and thanked our students for their hardwork at the BPS assembly. Thank you to Boambee teacher and former Toormina high School student, Chris Shipman for bringing the primary school students to high school. Thank you also to Ms Alam for showing the primary students how much fun high school is and to Principals, Phil Maunder and Paul Humphrey for supporting this program.

Thank you!

Thank you John for giving our favourite THS sheep, Ollie, his summer haircut!



### Marcus and Daisy

Marcus and Daisy are living their best life at THS farm! A big thank you to the Bake family for the loan of these babies for our agriculture students!



### Toasties

Room 24 students over the past year have been honing their skills in a cross curriculum project called "Toasties for the Teachers". This has included English communication through taking orders and delivering, writing on delivery bags and following directions. Maths dealing with money when taking orders. PDHPE & TAS understanding hygiene requirements when dealing with food and understanding portion control and processing food on a scale. The students each Friday morning go around the Support Unit and take orders from the participating staff and make ham, cheese and tomatoes toasties, package them up and deliver them by recess.

**Louise Evans, Support Teacher**



### Principal's Column

It has been an incredibly busy week this week with a fantastic student verses staff trivia night on Wednesday night being the absolute highlight of the week. Year 11 student teams fought bravely to try and beat the staff in a variety of trivia activities. Mrs Griffith organised the event as a fund raiser for the 2024 Year 12 Formal. Staff and students dressed for the occasion, and it was clear that all participants really enjoyed the event. The event was so successful that a 2024 event has been suggested. A huge thank you to Mrs Griffiths and the students who assisted her.

Over the last few weeks, we have been hosting a Bongil Bongil Community of Schools (BBCoS) partner primary school each day from Boambee, Sawtell, Bonville, Toormina and William Bayldon in an excursion based high school experience. Primary teachers have been teaching their students in our classrooms, giving students the opportunity to have the 'high school' experience with the support of their regular class teachers. This has been an incredible opportunity for us to observe how primary classroom operations differ from high school classrooms and to observe students learning in class. This program is the result of a coordinated effort by all the BBCoS schools to make a huge difference to the transition of students to high school. I would personally like to thank the principals and staff involved in the program for their support in trialling this program this year. We have started planning for 2024. We will be undertaking a massive re-roofing project, required after the hailstorm in 2021 caused so much carnage to our local area. This has seen the preparation commence for the arrival of 6 demountable classrooms for the project. The project scope and timeframe has not yet been released but will commence in the January school holidays. We will also commence 2024 with a fabulous new kitchen that has been upgraded to Hospitality level, with all new appliances and stainless-steel surfaces. I am confident that this will meet the needs of our students over the coming years.

Our new uniform has been ordered and will be available in the January holidays. So far, the response from students after feeling the fabrics and seeing the actual uniform items has been extremely positive, with many students who regularly don't wear uniform saying that they would wear this uniform. The uniform will be available to purchase online or in person at Team Spirit Sports, 1/10 Gdt Secombe Close Coffs Harbour. If ordering online, items can be delivered to school or to your home address for a small delivery fee.

**Paul Humphrey, Principal**



### IMPORTANT DATES

Monday	20/11 - 24/11	WEEK A
Tuesday	21/11	Class Merit Awards Assembly, Live stream link TBA
Tuesday	21/11	BATYR Wellbeing Program
Tuesday	21/11	Girls League Tag Gala Day
Wednesday	22/11 - 24/11	Year 7 Great Aussie Bush Camp, Depart school 6:15am - arrive school Friday 4:30pm
Friday	24/11	HSC Assessment Task Biology
Monday	27/11 - 1/12	WEEK B
Tuesday	28/11	Year 6 Orientation Day
Friday	15/12	Major Awards Assembly Details TBA



### Congratulations

to former THS student, Chris  
Watkins, who scored a try in the  
recent Oceania Rugby Sevens  
Championship!

### School Students Broadband Initiative

To boost education opportunities and narrow the digital divide, the Australian Government is providing up to 30,000 eligible families with school age children with no internet at home access to free nbn® for one year under the School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI). Access to the SSBI will become easier, with the announcement of a National Referral Centre that parents/carers with school students can contact directly to check their eligibility.

To be eligible for SSBI, families working directly with an SSBI Nominating Organisation, or self[1]nominating through the National Referral Centre, must:

- \* Have a child living at home who is enrolled in an Australian school (up to year 12 including from Prep in Qld/ Vic/Tas & Kindy in NSW).
- \* Not have an active NBN® network internet service at home. Having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility.
- \* Live in a premise that can access a standard\* NBN service.
- \* Not have had an active NBN connection during the previous 14 days.
- \* Either be referred by a nominating organisation or have your suitability determined via an assessment conducted by the National Referral Centre

The link attached below will take you to the website for further details and the application form:

<https://www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet/>



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Please 'like' and 'share' to show our community  
all the fantastic achievements and activities at  
THS!